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DETAILED ACTION

In response to the communication filed on November 5, 2003, claims 1-57, 73-121 are active in this application.

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on November 5, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant states that claims 1-26, 28-51, 53-56, 73-95, 97-110 and 112-120 read on the elected species. The Examiner disagrees because at least those claims (claims 3, 12-17, 24, 27, 30, 32-35, 40, 43-44, 50, 52-57, 77-79, 96, 100-102, 108, 111-112 and 121) DO NOT read on the elected species. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jack Chen whose telephone number is (703)308-5838. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:30am-6:00pm) alternate Monday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl W Whitehead can be reached on (703)308-4940. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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